(b) Only two persons were associated with the projectduring the period referred to.

(c) (Rs. in lakhs)

| Year | Grant Sanctioned | Grant Utilized |
|---|---|---|
| 1997-1998 | 30,000 | 30,000 |
| 1998-1999 | 120,000 | 120,000 |
| 1999-2000 | 124,000 | 16,725 |

(d) The Unit is in its formative state and the First Volume of the series of CDROM on Medicinal Plants will be released in January, 2000.

**Tours of Directors and Director-General, CSIR**

1107. SHRI CO. POULOSE: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directors of various CSIR laboratories and Director-General of CSIR made a number of National and International tours between 1997-99 for official reasons; and

(b) if so, the details of their tour programmes, the purpose of the visits and the amount spent for travelling expenses etc. during the same period, with year-wise break-up?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

**Grant/Aid by IDRC, Canada**

1108. SHRI CO. POULOSE: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada has been providing grant/aid to projects/schemes on various National Laboratories under Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) during the period 1993-98; and

(b) if sp, the title of theprojecct, project leader, duration of the project, total grant, grant already allotted and the Regional Centre of IDRC through which the grant is sanctioned, alongwith the name of the National Laboratories, for the period 1993-98, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes sir.

(b) As per enclosed statement.